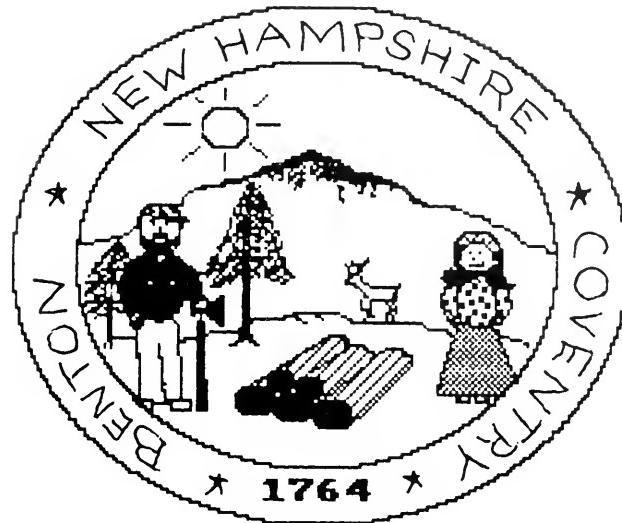


NHamp
352.07
B478
1987

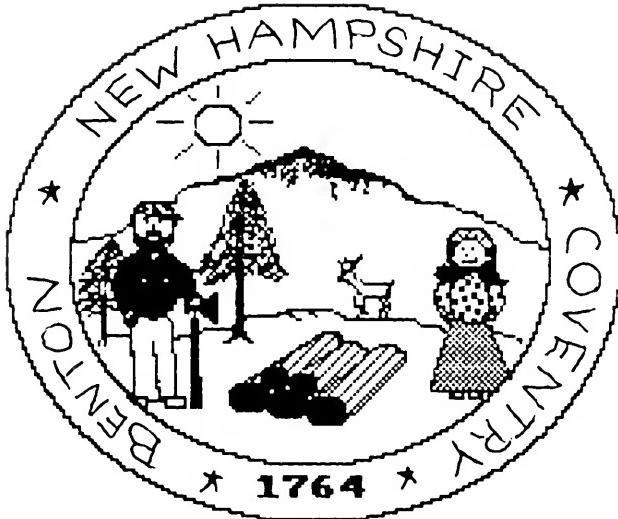


Annual Report

For the Town of

BENTON NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year ending December 31
1987



Annual Report

For the Town of

BENTON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year ending December 31
1987

TOWN OF BENTON, NH
ANNUAL REPORT
OF TOWN OFFICERS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1987

INDEX:

1987 TOWN OFFICERS.....	3
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT.....	4
BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS.....	6
SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION.....	8
REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.....	9
REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR.....	10
REMITTANCES TO TREASURER.....	12
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNT.....	12
REPORT OF TREASURER.....	13
SELECTMEN'S STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS.....	16
COMPARATIVE STATE OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES....	20
REPORT OF GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.....	21
1987 TOWN MEETING WARRANT & RECORDS OF AFFIRMATIVE VOTES.....	23
RECORD OF AFFIRMATIVE VOTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING....	28
REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN.....	30
REPORT OF AUDITOR.....	31
REPORT OF BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT.....	32
VITAL STATISTICS.....	47

BENTON TOWN OFFICERS
1987

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

<u>CHAIRMAN:</u>	MARJORIE ROBITZER	TERM EXPIRES 1988
	JOHN ELLIOTT, JR.	TERM EXPIRES 1990
	PETER THOMPSON	TERM EXPIRES 1989
<u>MODERATOR:</u>	DANIEL ELLIOTT	TERM EXPIRES 1988
<u>TOWN CLERK:</u>	HELENA HARRIS	TERM EXPIRES 1988
<u>TAX COLLECTOR:</u>	MAXINE TYLER	TERM EXPIRES 1988
	HELENA HARRIS (DEPUTY)	

TREASURER: PRISCILLA BOUTIN TERM EXPIRES 1988

AUDITOR: DOROTHY ELLIOTT TERM EXPIRES 1988

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST:

CATHERINE ELLIOTT	TERM EXPIRES 1989
SERAPHENE HARRIS	TERM EXPIRES 1988
JANE ELLIOTT	TERM EXPIRES 1990

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS:

SCOTT RODEN	TERM EXPIRES 1989
ED MATZ	TERM EXPIRES 1988
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.	TERM EXPIRES 1990

SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER:

JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.	TERM EXPIRES 1988
--------------------	-------------------

DOG OFFICER: DAVID HARRIS TERM EXPIRES 1988

SEXTON: DAVID HARRIS TERM EXPIRES 1988

BALLOT CLERK: IONA BOUTIN TERM EXPIRES 1988

BALLOT INSPECTOR: KATE GOODWIN TERM EXPIRES 1988

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN
MEETING
STATE OF N.H.

GRAFTON, SS

TOWN OF BENTON

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, NH WHO ARE
QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING
IN BENTON, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1988 AT 7:00 PM TO VOTE
UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

ARTICLE 1: TO VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

ONE SELECTMAN FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS
ONE MODERATOR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR
ONE TREASURER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR
ONE TOWN CLERK FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR
ONE TAX COLLECTOR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR
ONE SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST FOR A TERM OF
THREE YEARS
ONE TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR A TERM OF
THREE YEARS

AND SUCH OTHER TOWN OFFICERS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY LAW.

ARTICLE 2: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE
REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS AS PRINTED IN THE TOWN
REPORT.

ARTICLE 3: (BY PETITION) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE
TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$10,000 TO PURCHASE A USED
ONE-TON DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW TO SERVICE AND PLOW THE
TOWN ROADS, OR \$20,000 FOR A NEW TRUCK AND PLOW.

ARTICLE 4: (BY PETITION) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO,
(A.) MAKE THE POSITION OF ROAD AGENT AN ELECTIVE OFFICE,
ELECTED BY THE VOTERS WITH THE DUTIES OF MAINTAINING
TOWN ROADS AND (B.) TO ELECT A ROAD AGENT FOR THE COMING
YEAR.

ARTICLE 5: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ESTABLISH A
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF RSA - 35:1
FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF
TOWN ROADS AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$5,000 FOR SUCH.

ARTICLE 6: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO MAKE ANY
ALTERATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE RAISED AND
APPROPRIATED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR FOR THE SUPPORT OF
THE TOWN AS RECOMMENDED IN THE BUDGET, TO RAISE AND
APPROPRIATE ALL SUMS SO DETERMINED FOR SAID PURPOSES,
AND TO PASS ANY OTHER VOTE RELATING THERETO.

ARTICLE 7: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND
APPROPRIATE A SUM EQUAL TO 3% OF THE FINAL BUDGET TO BE
CONTRIBUTED TO THE WHITE MTN. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THE
COTTAGE HOSPITAL, THE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM, NORTH
COUNTRY HOME HEALTH SERVICE AND THE AMBULANCE SERVICE.

ARTICLE 8: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ESTABLISH A CONSERVATION COMMITTEE OF 3-7 MEMBERS AND 1 ALTERNATE MEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH RSA 36-A. SAID MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING BY THE SELECTMEN, WHO SHALL ALSO DESIGNATE A TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CALLING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION.

ARTICLE 9: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT PRIVATE DONATIONS OF LAND, INTEREST IN LAND OR MONEY TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE CONSERVATION FUND FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE LOCAL MATCHING PORTION REQUIRED FOR ACQUIRING CONSERVATION LAND OR INTEREST IN LAND AND OTHER COSTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH FOR PERMANANT CONSERVATION USE UNDER STATE AND FEDERAL PROGRAMS, AND AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE STATE OR FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF ACQUISITION OF THE FEE OR LESSER INTEREST IN CONSERVATION LAND. SAID APPROPRIATED OR DONATED FUNDS AND STATE OR FEDERAL MATCHING FUNDS MAY BE EXPENDED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION.

ARTICLE 10: SHALL WE ABCPT THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 80:58 - 86 FOR A REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN PROCEDURE? THESE STATUTES PROVIDE THAT TAX SALES TO PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES ON REAL ESTATE ARE REPLACED WITH A REAL ESTATE TAX LIEN PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH ONLY A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY WHERE THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED OR THE STATE MAY ACQUIRE UNPAID TAXES.

ARTICLE 11: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE A DISCOUNT ON CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES PAID BEFORE A DATE SET BY THE SELECTMEN, IF ALL PREVIOUS TAXES ARE PAID, AND WILL SET THE AMOUNT OF SAID DISCOUNT.

ARTICLE 12: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO BORROW FUNDS FOR CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 1988 ND TO BE PAID THEREFROM.

ARTICLE 13: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE SUM OF \$300 IN THE NAMES OF ETHEL AND JOHN BOUTIN, SR. TO BE ADDED TO THE TRUST FUNDS AND ADMINISTERED BY THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS.

ARTICLE 14: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO ADMINISTER OR SELL ANY REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX COLLECTORS DEEDS.

ARTICLE 15: TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE SAID MEETING.

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT - ATTEST

MARJORIE ROBITZER
JOHN ELLIOTT, JR.
PETER THOMPSON
BENTON SELECTMEN

BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS
TOWN OF BENTON

SOURCES OF REVENUE

EST. 1987 ACTUAL 1987 EST. 1988

TAXES:

YIELD TAXES	3000.00	6630.00	6000.00
INTEREST & PENALTIES	900.00	598.00	400.00
LAND USE CHANGE TAX		1650.00	

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE STATE:

SHARED REVENUE BLOCK GRANT	7,500.00	6335.00	6500.00
HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT	8495.00	8495.00	9453.00
REIMB. STATE & FED. FOREST LAND	4000.00	3002.00	2500.00

NATIONAL FOREST RESERVE:

	6000.00	6502.00	6000.00
--	---------	---------	---------

FEDERALLY OWNED ENTITLEMENT LANDS:

	5000.00	2337.00	2300.00
--	---------	---------	---------

LICENSES & PERMITS:

MOTOR VEHICLE FEES	8500.00	14,003.00	12,000.00
DOG LICENSES	220.00	353.00	250.00
PERMITS	20.00	11.00	10.00
PLANNING & SUBDIV. FEES	100.00	82.00	100.00

MISCELLANEOUS:

RENT OF TOWN PROPERTY	50.00	25.00	25.00
CEMETERY LOTS	50.00		50.00
TRUST FUNDS	700.00	819.00	820.00
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS	2200.00	974.00	900.00

\$46,735.00	\$51,816.00	\$47,298.00
-------------	-------------	-------------

TOWN OF BENTON - BUDGET AND SUMMARY ANALYSIS

	<u>EXP. 86</u>	<u>APPRO. 87</u>	<u>EXP. 87</u>	<u>EST. 88</u>
OFFICERS SALARIES	2125	2125	2125	2125
OFFICERS EXPENSES	1410	1600	1272	1600
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION	957	300	391	1200
COMMUNITY BUILDING	1948	2900	3840	1800
TOWN CLERK FEES	125	150	126	130
LEGAL EXPENSES	196	500	2522	500
INSURANCE & BONDS	733	2000	4132	2400
DUES	687	700	667	667
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	1557	970	970	1073
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	1505	1500	1505	1505
WELFARE	390	400	773	400
CEMETERIES	338	350	321	350
INTEREST	1387	1500		1800
FIRE DEPARTMENT	1408	3500		3500
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
ROADS				
SUMMER	4180		2141	
WINTER	<u>9458</u>		<u>9803</u>	
ROAD TOTALS	<u>13,638</u>	14,000	<u>11,944</u>	14,000
SPECIAL FUND - ROADS		8,000	4214	3786
	<hr/>			
	\$28,404	\$40,495	\$34,802	\$36,836

TOWN OF BENTON
SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

LAND - IMPROVED & UNIMPROVED	
UNDER CURRENT USE	\$76,560.00
ALL OTHER	<u>2,229,020.00</u>
	\$2,305,580.00
BUILDINGS	\$3,109,080.00
PUBLIC UTILITES - ELECTRIC	242,690.00
MOBILE HOMES	<u>225,170.00</u>
	\$5,882,520.00
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS - 1	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$5,877,520.00

TOWN OF BENTON
SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY AS OF 12/31/87

TOWN HALL - LAND AND BUILDINGS	\$ 54,800.00
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	2,000.00
OLDTOWN CLERKS OFFICE & FURNISHINGS	<u>500.00</u>
	\$57,300.00

TOWN AUDITORS REPORT
I HAVE EXAMINED THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TAX COLLECTOR,
TREASURER, TOWN CLERK AND SELECTMEN AND FIND THEM
FAIRLY STATED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
DOROTHY ELLIOTT
AUDITOR - TOWN OF BENTON

TOWN OF BENTON
REPORT OF TOWN CLERK FOR YEAR ENDING
DEC. 31, 1987

DEBITS:

MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS ISSUED (244)	\$14,296.00
DOG LICENSES ISSUED (51)	265.00
FINES & PENALTIES COLLECTED	47.00
	<u>\$14,608.00</u>

CREDITS:

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER:

MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES	\$14,003.00
DOG LICENSES & PENALTIES	283.00

FEES RETAINED BY TOWN CLERK:

MOTOR VEHICLES	293.00
DOG LICENSES	29.00
	<u>\$14,608.00</u>

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

HELENA L. HARRIS
TOWN CLERK - BENTON

TAX COLLECTORS REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1987

TOWN OF BENTON

DR:

LEVIES OF:

UNCOLLECTED TAXES-BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR	1987	1986	1984
PROPERTY TAXES		15021.20	
RESIDENT TAXES		240.00	
YIELD TAXES		290.25	444.42

TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:

PROPERTY TAXES	26164.29
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	1650.00
YIELD TAXES	8235.93

OVERPAYMENTS:

A/C PROPERTY TAXES	352.42	13.46
YIELD TAXES	500.51	

INTEREST COLLECTED ON DELINQUENT TAXES

549.33

INTEREST COLLECTED ON YIELD TAXES

33.40

PENALTIES COLLECTED ON RESIDENT TAXES

15.00

TOTAL DEBITS	\$36936.55	\$16048.24	\$444.42
--------------	------------	------------	----------

(included \$4.00 fees for
bad check)

CR:

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER DURING FISCAL YEAR

PROPERTY TAXES	19832.21	15,021.20
RESIDENT TAXES		160.00
YIELD TAXES	6630.56	
LAND USE CHANGE TAXES	1650.00	
INTEREST COLLECTED DURING YEAR	33.40	549.33
PENALTIES ON RESIDENT TAXES		15.00
OVERPAYMENTS ON YIELD	500.51	13.46
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED	693.18	

	1987	1986	1984
ABATEMENTS MADE DURING YEAR:			
RESIDENT TAXES	80.00		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF FISCAL YEAR: (AS PER COLLECTORS LIST)			
PROPERTY TAXES	5994.69		
YIELD TAXES	1605.37	209.25	444.42
<hr/>			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$36,939.92	\$16048.24	\$444.42
(too much)	<u>-3.37</u>		
<hr/>			
	\$36936.55	\$16048.24	\$444.42

SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1987-----

TOWN-BENTON

DR:
TAX SALES ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES
OF:

BALANCE OF UNREDEEMED TAXES: BEGINNING FISCAL YEAR:	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>1984</u>
		1905.44	598.40
TAXES SOLD TO TOWN DURING CURRENT FISCAL YEAR		3011.44	
INTEREST COLLECTED AFTER SALE		205.42	180.64
REDEMPTION COSTS		<u>42.25</u>	<u>24.75</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$3011.44	\$2153.11	\$803.79

CR:

REMITTANCE TO TREASURER DURING YEAR:

REDEMPTIONS	598.73	1147.54	598.40
INTEREST & COSTS AFTER SALE		247.67	205.39
UNREDEEMED TAXES-END OF YEAR	<u>2412.71</u>	<u>757.90</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$3011.44	\$2153.11	\$803.79

TREASURERS REPORT 1987

FROM TAX COLLECTOR:

1984 REDEMPTION TAX SALE	598.40
1984 TAX SALE INTEREST	180.64
1984 TAX SALE COSTS	<u>24.75</u>
	\$803.79
1985 REDEMPTION TAX SALE	1147.54
1985 TAX SALE INTEREST	205.42
1985 TAX SALE COSTS	<u>42.25</u>
	\$1395.21
1986 PROPERTY TAX COLLECTED	15021.20
1986 PROPERTY INTERST COLLECTED	401.03
1986 RESIDENT TAX COLLECTED	160.00
1986 RESIDENT PENALTY COLLECTED	15.00
1986 REDEMPTION TAX SALE COST	144.30
1986 REDEMPTION TAX SALE	598.73
1986 PROPERTY OVERPAYMENT	<u>13.46</u>
	\$16,353.72
1987 PROPERTY TAX COLLECTED	19,832.21
1987 YIELD TAX COLLECTED	4,684.56
1987 YIELD INTEREST	33.40
1987 TRANSFER FROM YIELD ACCOUNT (#035020)	1,946.00
1987 YIELD TAX OVERPAYMENT	500.51
1987 LAND USE TAXES COLLECTED	1,650.00
1987 INSUFFICIENT FUNDS FEE	<u>4.00</u>
	\$28,650.68

FROM TOWN~CLERK:

MOTOR VEHICLE PERMITS	13908.00
MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSFERS	95.00
DOG LICENSES	219.50
DOG LICENSES PENALTIES	100.50
KENNEL LICENSES	33.00
INSUFFICIENT FUNDS FEE	<u>3.00</u>
	\$14,359.00

FROM SELECTMEN:

TOWN HALL HIRE	25.00
CURRENT USE FEE	3.00
POSTOL PERMITS	8.00
SUBIDVISION FEES.K	<u>81.85</u>
	\$117.85

TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS:	<u>819.40</u>
(For Cemeteries 387.75)	\$819.40
(For Schools 228.05)	
(For Highways 205.60)	
FROM U.S. TREASURY:	
LAND ENTITLEMENT	<u>2337.00</u>
NAT'L. FOREST RESERVE FUND	<u>13005.01</u>
	\$15342.01
FROM STATE OF N.H.:	
STATE & FEDERAL FOREST LAND	<u>3002.27</u>
REVENUE SHARING	<u>6334.98</u>
BLOCK GRANT	<u>8498.49</u>
	\$17835.74
FROM INDIAN HEAD BANK:	
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE	<u>40,000.00</u>
	\$40,000.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS 1987	<u>\$135,676.40</u>
BAL. ON HAND 1/1/87	<u>4,140.42</u>
BANK INTERST	<u>\$139,816.82</u>
1001027 Act.	<u>476.29</u>
C.A. DEPOSITS	<u>\$140,293.11</u>
C.A. WITHDRAWALS	<u>40,300.00</u>
SELECTMENS ORDERS	<u>\$180,593.11</u>
BANK ADJ.	<u>32,000.00</u>
USF FEES	<u>\$148,593.11</u>
	<u>147,787.57</u>
	<u>\$ 805.54</u>
	<u>.14</u>
	<u>\$ 805.68</u>
	<u>4.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	<u>\$ 801.68</u>
12-31	

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
 PRISCILLA BOUTIN
 TREASURER - 1987

	CHOICE ACCT.	YIELD TAX ACT.
	6800219	035020
BALANCE ON HAND 12-31-86	14,582.36	2827.25
DEPOSITS	32,000.00	3361.45
INTEREST	<u>751.28</u>	<u>222.95</u>
	\$47,333.64	\$6411.65
WITHDRAWALS	<u>40,300.00</u>	<u>1946.00</u>
BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/87	\$ 7,033.64	\$4465.65

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS BY SELECTMEN

TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

DOROTHY ELLIOTT	AUDITOR	\$ 25.00
MARJORIE ROBITZER	SELECTMAN	500.00
JOHN ELLIOTT	SELECTMAN	300.00
PETER THOMPSON	SELECTMAN	300.00
HELENA HARRIS	TOWN CLERK	300.00
MAXINE TYEIR	TAX COLLECTOR	300.00
PRISCILLA BOUTIN	TREASURER	300.00
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.	SURVEYOR OF WOOD & LUMBER	100.00
		<u>\$2,125.00</u>

TOWN OFFICERS EXPENSES

TOWN REPORTS- 1987	\$360.00
POSTAGE	178.22
NOTICES	227.50
TAX SALE EXPENSES	107.38
REGISTER OF DEEDS	16.22
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES	69.44
DOG OFFICERS EXPENSES	49.84
OFFICE SUPPLIES, POSTAGE CHARGES,	264.07
TELEPHONE CALLS & MISC.	<u>\$1,272.47</u>

DUES

NORTH COUNTY COUNCIL	\$230.00
NEW HAMPSHIRE MINICIPAL ASSN.	400.00
N.H. CITY & TOWN CLERKS ASSN.	12.00
N.H. TAX COLLECTORS ASSN.	15.00
N.H. HEALTH OFFICERS ASSN.	<u>10.00</u>
	<u>\$667.00</u>

COMMUNITY BUILDING

ELECTRIC	\$ 161.55
FUEL OIL	783.72
BURNER REPAIRS AND SERVICE	261.90
TELEPHONE	256.41
HANDICAPPED ACCES RAMP & ENTRYWAY, &	
ROOF REPAIRS	523.29
NEW ROOF - ENTIRE BUILDING	<u>1,852.74</u>
	\$3,839.61

TOWN ROADS

WINTER ROADS:

AGWAY - SALT	\$ 33.98
CARGILL-SALT	351.55
AGWAY - POLYFILM	97.95
DANIEL ELLIOTT -	
LABOR AND EQUIPMENT	<u>9,319.50</u>
	\$9,802.98

SUMMER ROADS:

GRAVEL	\$ 96.00
MOWING	150.00
DANIEL ELLIOTT, LABOR &	
EQUIPMENT	<u>1,894.50</u>
	\$2,140.50
TOTAL ROAD COSTS:	\$11,943.38

SPECIAL FUNDS - ROADS

TATE ENTERPRISE - CULVERTS	\$ 259.79
GRAVEL - FRENCH POND	88.00
GRAVEL - MORRILL	96.00
BLACKTOP INC.	1,146.60
DANIEL ELLIOTT, LABOR & EQUIPMENT	<u>2,624.00</u>
	\$4,214.39

REMAINING IN SPECIAL FUND: \$3,785.61

TOWN CLERK FEES	\$ 126.00
INSURANCE AND BONDS	4,132.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	1,505.04
HEALTH DEPARTMENT:	
COTTAGE HOSPITAL	\$ 250.00
COTTAGE HOSP AMBULANCE	150.00
WHITE MTN. MENTAL HEALTH	250.00
NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH	220.00
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM	<u>100.00</u>
\$ 970.00	
PUBLIC WELFARE:	
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	\$ 773.42
LEGAL FEES:	\$2,521.62
CEMETERIES	
DAVID HARRIS	\$ 320.97
ELECTION AND REGISTRATION:	
CATHERINE ELLIOTT	\$ 67.90
SERAPHENE HARRIS	67.90
JANE ELLIOTT	54.50
JOHN ELLIOTT, JR.	40.20
PETER THOMPSON	40.20
MARJORIE ROBITZER	40.20
HELENA HARRIS	40.20
DANEIL ELLIOTT	40.20
\$391.30	

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN	\$ 3,011.44
ABATEMENTS AND REFUNDS	592.63
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE	25,000.00
PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL DIRECTORS	74,426.20
GRAFTON COUNTY TAX	9,944.00
STATE OF N.H. - DOG ASSESSMENT	11.00
<hr/>	
TOTAL SELECTMENS ORDERS	\$147,757.57

TOWN OF BENTON, NH
 COMPARATIVE STATE OF APPROPRIATION & EXPENDITURES
 FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1987

<u>TITLE:</u>	<u>APPROPRIATION</u>	<u>REIMBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>TOTAL AVAIL.</u>	<u>EXPEND.</u>	<u>UNEX.BAL.</u>	<u>OVER DRAFT</u>
TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES	2125.00		2125.00	2125.00		
TOWN OFFICES EXPENSES	1600.00		1600.00	1272.00	328.00	
ELECTIONS	300.00		300.00	391.00		91.00
COMMUNITY BUILDING	2900.00		2900.00	3840.00		940.00
TOWN CLERK FEES	150.00		150.00	126.00		24.00
LEGAL EXPENSES	500.00		500.00	2522.00		2022.00
INSURANCE & BONDS	2000.00		2000.00	4132.00		2132.00
DUES FOR REGIONAL ASSOC.	700.00		700.00	667.00		33.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT	970.00		970.00	970.00		
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	1500.00		1500.00	1505.00		5.00
TOWN ROADS	14,000.00	206.00	14,206.00	11,944.00	2262.00	
WELFARE	400.00		400.00	400.00	773.00	373.00
CEMETERIES	350.00	388.00	738.00	321.00	417.00	
INTEREST	1500.00		1500.00		1500.00	
FIREST	3500.00		3500.00		3500.00	
SPECIAL FUND - ROADS	8000.00		8000.00	4214.00	3786.00	
	\$40495.00	\$594.00	\$41089.00	\$34802.00	11,850.00	5563
					-5,563.00	

1987 COUNTY NEWSLETTER

BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IS \$8,947,343. OWN TAXES TO THE COUNTY AVERAGE 6.7% OR \$2.21 PER \$1,000⁴ OF THE PROPERTY OWNER'S TAX BILL. THE MAJOR PORTION OF COUNTY EXPENSES GOES TO THE OPERATION OF THE NURSING HOME (39.69%) AND TO HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS FOR THE ELDERLY, DISABLED, NURSING CARE AND CHILDREN (26.86%).

REGISTRY OF DEEDS HAD GROSS INCOME OF \$3,630,159 IN 1987. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS PROCESSED IN 1987 WAS 29,983. \$3,184,982 AS RECEIVED IN TRANSFER TAX, OF WHICH 96% OR \$3,057,584 Went TO THE STATE OF NH AND 4% OR \$127,398 WAS RETAINED AS COUNTY INCOME. OTHER RECEIPTS INCLUDE RECORDING AND COPY FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$445,177. TOTAL INCOME TO THE COUNTY WAS \$572,575 COMPARED TO A TOTAL OF \$3,057,584 PAID TO THE STATE, ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY IS LIABLE FOR 100% OF ALL OPERATING COSTS.

HUMAN SERVICES: OLD AGE & DISABLED GRANT PROGRAMS REMAIN FAIRLY CONSTANT WITH THE ELDERLY PROGRAM AVERAGING 100 CASES AT \$4,800 PER MONTH AND THE DISABLED AVERAGING 225 CASES AT \$21,000 PER MONTH.

INTERMEDIATE NURSING CARE: CASELOAD INCREASED WITH SB-1 WHERE THE COUNTY BECAME RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL INC CASES AND ELIMINATED TOWN LIABILITY. THE INC CASES NOW AVERAGE 255 AT \$110,000 PER MONTH, A RAPIDLY INCREASING COST TO THE COUNTIES WITH SAVINGS TO THE TOWNS.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES: ALSO BECAME A COUNTY LIABILITY UNDER SENATE BILL 1, WITH COUNTIES REIMBURSING THE STATE 25% FOR ALL CHILD SERVICE COSTS. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO GIVE ACCURATE FIGURES FOR CHILD EXPENSES, AS THEY ARE RAPIDLY INCREASING MONTHLY. CURRENT ACCOUNTS REFLECT 130 TO 150 CASES COSTING FROM \$64,000 TO \$75,000 PER MONTH. (AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS FISCAL YEAR, WE HAD APPROXIMATELY 120 CASES AT ABOUT \$50,000 PER MONTH.) THE COUNTY HAS 25% FUNDING LIABILITY OF CHILD PLACEMENT COSTS AND WE ARE TAKING AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN IN GRAFTON COUNTY.

SOCIAL SERVICES: AGENCIES RECEIVE \$247,217 OR \$4.03 PER CAPITA, TO PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED SERVICES FOR HOME HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED, SENIOR CITIZENS TRANSPORTATION AND NUTRITION AND MANY OTHER VALUABLE PROGRAMS.

CORRECTIONAL FACILITY: IS INCREASINGLY OVERPOPULATED, NOW AVERAGING 58 INMATES PER DAY AND FREQUENTLY HOUSING 60+. THE CURRENT COST OF OPERATION IS \$28.63 PER INMATE DAY. WE HAVE CONTRACTED WITH AN ARCHITECT TO PRESENT DESIGN AND COST FOR A 34 BED ADDITION. SCHEMATIC DESIGNS AND PRICE ESTIMATES ARE EXPECTED BY MID-JANUARY TO GO OUT FOR BID BY LATE JANUARY WITH BID RESULTS DUE IN BY THE END OF FEBRUARY. FUNDING ISSUES SHOULD GO TO THE DELEGATION AND PUBLIC IN MARCH WITH ANTICIPATED GROUND BREAKING IN APRIL.

GRAFTON COUNTY NURSING HOME: FOR INTERMEDIATE NURSING CARE IS LICENSED FOR 136 BEDS AND IS ABOUT 80%

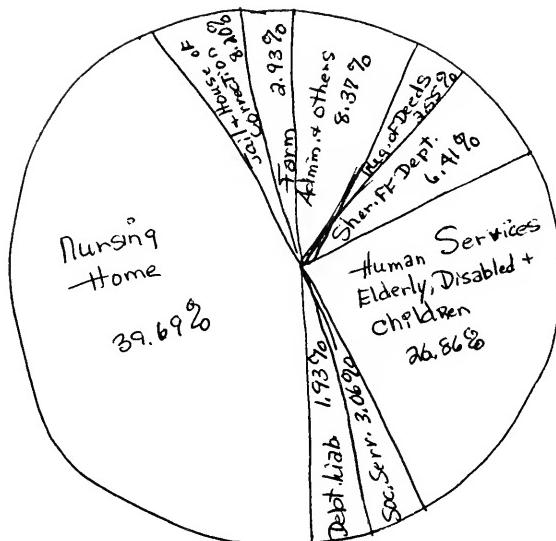
REIMBURSABLE. FY 87 COST PER PATIENT DAY WE \$68.78 WITH
\$58.87 REIMBURSED BY MEDICAID.

GRAFTON COUNTY FARM: CONTINUES TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING AND PROVIDES WORK FOR INMATES AS WELL AS OFFERING ACCESS FOR EXPERIMENTAL AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS. THIS IS PRIMARILY A DAIRY FARM WITH AN AVERAGE HERD OF 170, BUT ALSO GROWS PRODUCE FOR THE NURSING HOME.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: MEET WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS. WE ENCOURAGE PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AND WELCOME FACILITY TOURS. WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE DEATHS OF COMMISSIONER ARTHUR E. SNELL, DIST. #2 AND COMMISSIONER LEONARD ANDERSON, DIST. #3, EARLY THIS YEAR.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

DOROTHY CAMPION-CORCORAN, CHAIRPERSON
EVERETT GRASS, CLERK
BETTY JO TAFFE, COMMISSIONER



WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

GRAFTON, SS

TOWN OF BENTON

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF BENTON, NH, WHO ARE
QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN TOWN AFFAIRS:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO MEET AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING
IN BENTON ON TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1987 AT 7:00 P.M. TO ACT
UPON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

ARTICLE 1: TO VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

ONE SELECTMAN FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS
ONE TREASURER FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR
ONE TOWN CLERK FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR
ONE TAX COLLECTOR FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR
ONE SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST FOR THREE YEARS
ONE TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS FOR THREE YEARS

AND SUCH OTHER OWN OFFICERS AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

ARTICLE 2: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE
REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS AS PRINTED IN THE TOWN
REPORT.

ARTICLE 3: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO CONTRIBUTE
TO THE WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THE NORTH
COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY, THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL AND THE
AMBULANCE SERVICE AND IN WHAT AMOUNTS, AND TO THE
COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM.

ARTICLE 4: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND
APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$40,000 BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS
OR NOTES, TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO NEGOTIATE SUCH
BONDS OR NOTES AND TO DETERMINE THE RATE OF INTEREST
THEREON, AND TO USE SUCH INTEREST ACCRUED AND PRINCIPLE
FOR THE PURPOSE OF DOING MAJOR ROAD WORK ON HOWE HILL
ROAD AND TUNNEL STREAM ROAD, THIS SUM TO BE REPAYED IN
TWO (2) YEARS.

ARTICLE 5: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO MAKE ANY
ALTERATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE RAISED AND
APPROPRIATED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE
TOWN AS RECOMMENDED IN THE BUDGET, TO RAISE AND APP-
ROPRIATE ALL SUMS SO DETERMINED FOR SAID PURPOSES,
AND TO PASS ANY OTHER VOTE IRRELATING THERETO.

ARTICLE 6: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE
THE SELECTMEN TO BORROW FUNDS FOR CURRENT INDEBTEDNESS
IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 1988
AND TO BE PAID THEREFROM.

ARTICLE 7: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE
SELECTMEN TO ADMINISTER OR SELL ANY REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED
THROUGH TAX COLLECTORS DEEDS.

ARTICLE 8: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE A
DISCOUNT ON CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES PAID BEFORE A DATE
SET BY THE SELECTMEN, IF ALL PREVIOUS TAXES ARE PAID,
AND WILL SET THE AMOUNT OF SAID DISCOUNT.

ARTICLE 9: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO INSTRUCT THE TOWNS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COURT TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO INSURE THAT NO LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE FROM THE SEABROOK NUCLEAR PLANT SHALL BE STORED OR DISPOSED OF WITH THIS TOWN OF BENTON UNLESS AND UNTIL THE PROPOSED SITE OF THE PROPOSED STORAGE OR DISPOSAL HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BY WRITTEN BALLOT.

ARTICLE 10: TO SEE IF THE TOWN SHALL ADOPT THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 72:1-C WHICH AUTHORIZES ANY TOWN OR CITY TO ELECT NOT TO ASSESS, LEVY AND COLLECT A RESIDENT TAX.

ARTICLE 11: TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE SAID MEETING.

A TRUE COPY OF WARRANT - ATTEST

MARJORIE ROBITZER
JOHN ELLIOTT, JR.
PETER THOMPSON
SELECTMEN OF
BENTON, NH

TOWN MEETING RECORD OF AFFIRMATIVE VOTES
AGREEABLE TO THE WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, THE
MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY THE MODERATOR, DANIEL
ELLIOTT, ON MARCH 10th, 1987 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE BENTON
COMMUNITY BUILDING, BENTON, N.H.

ART. 1: THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WERE ELECTED:

SELECTMEN:	JOHN G. ELLIOTT, JR.	1 YR.
TREASURER:	PRISCILLA BOUTIN	1 YR.
TOWN CLERK:	HELENA L. HARRIS	1 YR.
TAX COLLECTOR	MAXINE TYLER	1 YR.
SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST:	JANE ELLIOTT	3 YRS.
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS:	JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.	3 YRS.
AUDITOR:	DOROTHY ELLIOTT	1 YR.
SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER:	JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.	1 YR.
DOG OFFICER:	DAVID HARRIS	1 YR.
SEXTON:	DAVID HARRIS	1 YR.
BALLOT CLERK:	IONA BOUTIN	1 YR.
BALLOT INSPECTOR:	KATE GOODWIN	1 YR.

ARTICLE 2: VOTED TO ACCEPT THIS ARTICLE WHICH WAS TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND AGENTS AS PRINTED IN THE TOWN REPORT.

ARTICLE 3: THIS ARTICLE WAS TO SEE IF THE TOWN WOULD VOTE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WHITE MOUNTAIN MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, THE NORTH COUNTRY HOME HEALTH AGENCY, THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL, AND THE AMBULANCE SERVICE AND IN WHAT AMOUNTS AND THE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM. THE HOSPITAL IS NOW GETTING \$500.00, THE AMBULANCE IS GETTING \$256.00, MENTAL HEALTH IS GETTING \$595.00 AND HOME HEALTH IS GETTING \$400.00. A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO GIVE 3% OF THESE AMOUNTS TO THE SERVICES LISTED.

ART. 4: THIS ARTICLE WAS TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$40,000.00 BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES, TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO NEGOTIATE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES AND TO DETERMINE THE RATE OF INTEREST THEREON, AND TO USE SUCH INTEREST ACCRUED AND PRINCIPLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DOING MAJOR ROAD WORK ON HOWE HILL ROAD AND TUNNEL STREAM ROAD. THIS SUM TO BE REPAYED IN TWO (2) YEARS. IT WAS ASKED HOW THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY WOULD AFFECT OUR TAXES. IT WOULD RAISE THEM ABOUT 23% FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY WOULD NOT REPAIR THESE ROADS THOROUGHLY. WAS STATED THAT PERHAPS THE TOWN SHOULD APPROPRIATE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY EACH YEAR AND SEE HOW MUCH THIS WOULD GET DONE FOR ROAD WORK EACH YEAR ON THESE TWO ROADS. WAS ASKED WHY THE STATE COULDN'T GIVE US HELP ON THESE ROADS, BUT ONCE THE STATE GIVES ROADS TO A TOWN (AS THESE WERE) THEY WILL NOT TAKE THEM BACK. MENTION WAS MADE AS TO HAVING THESE ROADS MADE OVER INTO OIL TOPPED ROADS WHICH WOULD BE MUCH EASIER TO MAINTAIN. BUT THESE TYPE OF ROADS ARE OUTLAWED BECAUSE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HARM. WAS ALSO

MENTIONED THAT THE TOWN SKIN THESE ROADS FOR THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR DO MORE WORK ON THEM AND THE NEXT YEAR DO EVEN MORE WORK, UNTIL THEY ARE ALL DONE OVER. ALSO MENTIONED THAT A STATE ENGINEER WOULD COME AND LOOK AT THESE ROADS AND GIVE US A FIGURE ON WHAT IT WOULD COST TO FIX THEM. MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO LET THIS ARTICLE GO FOR NOW UNTIL WE COME UP WITH SOME FIGURES ON ROAD WORK AND NOT ADJOURN THIS MEETING UNTIL THIS IS DONE AT SOME LATER DATE.

ART. 5: THIS ARTICLE WAS TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO MAKE ANY ALTERATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY TO BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THE ENSUING YEAR FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE TOWN AS RECOMMENDED IN THE BUDGET, TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE ALL SUNS SO DETERMINED FOR SAID PURPOSE AND TO PASS ANY OTHER VOTE IRRELATING THERETO. MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT THIS ARTICLE AS WRITTEN, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE ANY REFLECTION ON BORROWING MONEY FOR ROADS, IF WE SHOULD DECIDE TO DO SO. QUESTION WAS ASKED AS TO THE CHANGE IN THE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE AND BONDS AND TO THE AMOUNT FOR THE COMMUNITY BUILDING. THE INSURANCE DUE FOR LAST YEAR WAS SENT LATE SO IT WENT INTO THIS YEARS FIGURES AND THE FURNACE IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING NEEDED REPAIRS SO IT UPPED THAT AMOUNT. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT ARTICLE 5 AS WRITTEN.

ART. 6: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN WHICH WAS TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO BORROW FUNDS FOR CURRENT INDEBTNESS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES COLLECTED IN FISCAL YEAR 1988 TO BE PAID THEREON. WAS ASKED THAT 1988 BE CHANGED TO 1987 ARTORDER FOR ARTICLE TO READ CORRECTLY.

ART. 7: MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN WHICH WAS TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO ADMINISTER OR SELL ANY REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX COLLECTORS DEEDS.

ART. 8: A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE A DISCOUNT ON CURRENT PROPERTY TAXES PAID BEFORE A DATE SET BY SELECTMEN, IF ALL PREVIOUS TAXES ARE PAID AND WILL SET THE AMOUNT OF SAID DISCOUNT. A 4% DISCOUNT WAS AGREED UPON IF TAXES ARE PAID 15 DAYS WITHIN POSTMARK.

ART. 9: THIS ARTICLE WAS TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO INSTRUCT THE TOWNS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COURT TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO INSURE THAT NO LOW LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE FROM THE SEABROOK NUCLEAR PLANT SHALL BE STORED OR DISPOSED OF WITH THIS TOWN OF BENTON UNLESS AND UNTIL THE PROPOSED SITE OF THE PROPOSED STORAGE OR DISPOSAL SITE OF THE PROPOSED STORAGE OR DISPOSAL HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BY WRITTEN BALLOT. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN BUT CHANGE "NO LOW LEVEL" TO READ "NO LEVEL, ETC."

ART. 10: A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT AS WRITTEN WHICH WAS TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL ADOPT THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 72:1-C WHICH AUTHORIZES ANY TOWN OR CITY TO ELECT NOT TO ASSESS, LEVY AND COLLECT A RESIDENT TAX. BALLOT VOTE WAS REQUESTED AND THE RESULTS WERE YES-33 AND NO-05.

ART. 11: THIS WAS TO TRANSACT ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE SAID MEETING. WAS ASKED IF THE TOWN WOULD DONATE THE COMMUNITY BUILDING FOR BENTON DAY AS THIS WAS FOR THE WHOLE TOWN, NOT JUST CHURCH MEMBERS. WAS DECIDED THAT FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES, AND SUCH, THEY SHOULD CHARGE \$1.00. MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT.

MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO RECESS TOWN MEETING UNTIL MAY 19, 1987 AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE BENTON COMMUNITY BUILDING, WHEN WE WILL RE-OPEN MEETING TO DISCUSS ARTICLE #4 WHEN MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE.

NEW OFFICERS WERE SWORN IN AT THIS TIME.

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

HELENA L. HARRIS
TOWN CLERK
BENTON, NH

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER ON MAY 19, 1987 AT 7:00 P.M.
AT BENTON COMMUNITY BUILDING BY MODERATOR DANIEL ELLIOTT.

THIS MEETING WAS A CONTINUATION OF TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 10, 1987, WHICH WAS RECESSED UNTIL NOW. IT WAS TO COVER ARTICLE 4 OF TOWN MEETING WARRANT WHICH WAS TO SEE IF THE TOWN WOULD VOTE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$40,000.00 BY THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO NEGOTIATE SUCH BONDS OR NOTES AND TO DETERMINE THE RATE OF INTEREST THEREON, AND TO USE SUCH INTEREST ACCRUED AND PRINCIPLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DOING MAJOR ROAD WORK ON HOWE HILL ROAD AND TUNNEL STREAM ROAD, THIS SUM TO BE REPAYED IN TWO (2) YEARS.

RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

THE SELECTMEN HAD MORRILL CONSTRUCTION COME OUT AND LOOK AT THE TWO ROADS IN QUESTION. HOWE HILL WOULD BE \$30.00 PER FOOT IF GRAVEL TOPPED. THIS IS 950 FEET AT \$28,500 FOR THIS ROAD. IT WOULD BE \$48.00 PER FOOT IF PAVED. THIS WOULD BE \$45,600 TOTAL. THIS WOULD ONLY GO TO ABOUT SAFFOS HILL WHICH COVERS THE WORSE PART OF HOWE HILL ROAD. 800 FEET OF THIS ROAD WOULD BE \$36.00 PER FOOT IF GRAVEL AND \$48.00 IF PAVED PER FOOT.

SELECTMAN JOHN ELLIOTT, JR. EXPLAINED THE MAIN THINGS WHICH NEED TO BE DONE ON HOWE HILL, IT NEEDS CULVERTS LOWERED, HOLES PATCHED, EDGES OF ROAD NEED TO BE FEATHERED WITH HOT MIX AND SHIMMED, LAY 950 FEET OF ASPHALT ON SHIM JOB AT $1\frac{1}{2}$ INCHES HIGH IF STONE WAS USED ON SHIM. AND OPEN ROAD TO ITS ORIGINAL WIDTH OF ENTRANCE WHICH WAS 18 FEET WIDE.

THE WORK NEEDED ON TUNNEL STREAM WOULD BE TO INSTALL TWO 6 INCH METAL DRAINS ON BURKE HILL. FROM JEFF BOLTONS PLACE TO JEAN LONGPRES PLACE, THEY WOULD LOWER CULVERTS AND COMPACT AND ADD 1' CRUSHED GRAVEL.

THE SELECTMEN FIGURED ABOUT \$32,500.00 WOULD DO WORK ON BOTH ROADS AND IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR ABOUT TEN YEARS.

FRANK DREW SEEMED TO THINK THAT AROUND \$12,000.00 WOULD DO THESE ROADS IF HOWE HILL WAS SHIMMED AND SEALED. TOWN WOULD HAVE TO RENT SOME EQUIPMENT TO DO THIS SO PERHAPS THE TOTAL COST WOULD RUN AROUND \$20,000.00

THEN IT WAS MENTIONED ABOUT PATCHING UP ROADS. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS A FUND BE SET ASIDE IN THE FUTURE FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS FUND WOULD BE USED TO THIS PURPOSE ONLY. IT WAS STATED THAT A TOWN NEEDED SPECIAL PERMISSION TO SET UP A FUND SUCH AS THIS. IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED THAT A FUND SUCH AS THIS CAN BE DONE IF IT IS DESIGNATED FOR A CERTAIN USE.

WAS ASKED HOW THIS ROAD WORK WOULD BE PAID FOR. SELECTMEN SAID THE TOWNS TAXES WOULD PAY THIS. IT WOULD RAISE THEM ABOUT 23%.

WAS STATED THAT IF ROADS ARE FIXED UP PROPERLY, THEN TOWN ROAD WORK COST WILL ALSO GO UP. THIS MEANS TAXES COULD GO UP 30% IN ORDER TO TAKE CARE OF BOTH COSTS.

WAS SUGGESTED THAT ROADS BE PATCHED UP UNTIL A FUND CAN BE SET UP TO TAKE CARE OF THIS COST.

A MOTION WAS THEN MADE AND SECONDED TO AMEND ARTICLE 4 TO READ FROM \$40,000.00 TO \$8000.00 EXTRA FOR ROAD REPAIRS WHICH INCLUDES MATERIALS AND LABOR AND TO DO AWAY WITH BOND. BALLOT VOTE WAS DONE AND RESULTS WERE YES - 33 AND NO - 16.

THIS MONEY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH REGULAR ROAD WORK, ONLY NEW REPAIRS. THIS \$8000.00 WOULD RAISE TAXES AN ESTIMATED 10%.

A MOTION MADE AND SECONDED TO CLOSE MEETING. DONE AT 9:01 PM.

TRUE COPY ATTEST HELENA HARRIS
TOWN CLERK, BENTON

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN
AND
STATE FOREST RANGER

BETWEEN JULY 1986 AND JUNE 1987, WE EXPERIENCED FEWER FIRES THAN NORMAL. THE THREE LEADING CAUSES OF FOREST FIRES WERE AGAIN CHILDREN, FIRES KINDLES WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION OF A FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DEBRIS BURNING. ALL CAUSES ARE PREVENTABLE, BUT ONLY WITH YOUR HELP.

PLEASE HELP OUR TOWN AND STATE FOREST FIRE OFFICIALS WITH FOREST FIRE PREVENTION. CONTACT YOUR FOREST FIRE WARDEN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

ENFORCEMENT OF A STATE TIMBER HARVEST REGULATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF STATE FORESTRY OFFICIALS. OUR STATE HAS EXCELLENT TIMBER HARVEST REGULATIONS: HOWEVER, YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED.

IF YOU KNOW OF A LOGGING OPERATION AND SUSPECT A STATE TIMBER HARVEST TAX LAW MAY BE VIOLATED, CALL YOUR FOREST FIRE WARDEN, OR CONCORD FOREST PROTECTION HEADQUARTERS AT (603)271-2217.

IF YOU OWN FOREST LAND, YOU BECAME RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TIMBER TAX PAYMENT STARTING APRIL 1, 1986. THIS IS A CHANGE IN THE TIMBER TAX LAW THAT WILL IMPACT ALL FOREST LANDOWNERS. CONTACT YOUR BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR TIMBER TAX FORMS.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS
1987

NUMBER FIRES STATEWIDE		403
ACRES BURNED STATEWIDE		189
COST OF SUPPRESSION		\$44,682.00
DISTRICT	# FIRES	15
	# Acres	28 $\frac{1}{4}$
TOWN - BENTON	FIREs	0

WILLIAM J. HARRIS
FOREST FIRE WARDEN

JOHN Q. RICARD
FOREST RANGER

TOWN AUDITORS REPORT

I HAVE EXAMINED THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TAX COLLECTOR,
TOWN TREASURER, TOWN CLERK AND SELCTMEN AND FIND THEM
FAIRLY STATED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DOROTHY ELLIOTT
AUDITOR

TOWN OF BENTON TRUST FUNDS REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1987

IRA WHITCHER	\$ 500.00
WHITCHER & MANN	500.00
WHITCHER & MANN	1000.00
WHITCHER & MANN	1750.00
WHITCHER & MANN	1750.00
J.C. SPEED	134.71
WHITCHER & KENDALL	200.00
SAMUEL ANNIS	50.00
WM. T. TORSEY	50.00
JONATHAN DAVID	50.00
GEORGE I. CLARK	200.00
ELLA MANN	50.00
KENDRICK L. HOWE	50.00
DANIEL M. & KENDRICK L. HOWE	100.00
ISABELLA TYLER	50.00
LEE & MAUDE MCKEAN	100.00
VEVAH M. LEONARD	250.00
LIBRARY FUND	190.99
TOTAL	<hr/> \$6,975.70

INTEREST TO BE USED ON 1988 BUDGET
AS LISTED BELOW:

TOTAL INTEREST
RECEIVED

ESTIMATED INTEREST:

<u>CEMETERIES:</u> \$245.00	<u>HIGHWAYS:</u> \$126.32	<u>SCHOOL:</u> \$109.25	\$480.57
--------------------------------	------------------------------	----------------------------	----------

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
SCOTT RODEN
JOSEPH BOUTIN, JR.
EDWART MATZ
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
DISTRICT OFFICERS
SCHOOL BOARD

Mrs. Carol Miles	Term Expires 1990
Mrs. Paula Boutin	Term Expires 1988
Mrs. Laurie Elliott	Term Expires 1989

OTHER DISTRICT OFFICERS

Mr. John Elliott, Jr.	Moderator
Mrs. Maxine Tyler	Treasurer
Mrs. Dorothy Elliott	Auditor
Mrs. Helena Harris	Clerk

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
Norman H. Mullen - Retired June 30, 1987
Douglas B. McDonald - Effective July 1, 1987

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS
Harold J. Haskins
Keith M. Pfeifer - Effective July 1, 1987

Record of Affirmative Votes
At Annual Town Meeting for year 1987
March 10, 1987

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by Moderator John Elliott, Jr. Mr. Elliott read the school warrant and the following action was taken on the Articles in the School Warrant.

Art. 1:	Elected John G. Elliott	Moderator	1 year
Art. 2:	Elected Helena Harris	Clerk	1 year
Art. 3:	Elected Laurie Elliott	School Board	2 years
	" Carol Miles	" "	3 years
	" Linda Thompson	" "	1 year
Art. 4:	Elected Maxine Tyler	Treasurer	1 year

Art. 5: Accepted as written which was to determine & appoint the salaries of the School Board & Truant Officer & fix the compensation of other officers or agents of the district.

Art. 6: Accepted as written which was to hear reports of Agents, Committees or officers chosen & pass any vote relating thereto. Mr. Haskins had news that the search for a new Superintendent was over. A Mr. Douglas McDonald of Moultonboro, NH will be replacing Mr. Mullen upon his retirement.

Art. 7: This article was to choose Agents, Auditors & Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant. Dorothy Elliott was chosen as Auditor for one year.

Art. 8: This article was to see what sum of money the district will raise & appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials & agents & for the payment of statutory obligations of the district & to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State Foundation Aid Fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town. Question was asked as to how much Foundation Aid we would be receiving in actuality as the \$50,000 listed in the Town Report is an estimate. Mr. Haskins feels we would be receiving much more than this but can't say just how much more right now.

There was a question asked as to the new Superintendent's salary and what it would be. Mr. Haskins was unable to give any information on this as he was not able to attend the meeting on the new Superintendent. Motion made & 2nd to accept this article as written.

Art. 9: This article was to transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

There was a question asked as to who is responsible for the tuition of foster children living in a town. Decided that the district of prior residence is responsible for the child's tuition if said child is coded as handicapped, otherwise the state is responsible for the child's tuition. Boils down to child is States responsibility & handicapped is town of prior residence's responsibility.

Motion made & 2nd to accept this article as written.

A motion was made & 2nd to adjourn the school meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Helena L. Harris, Clerk

SCHOOL WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Benton qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Community Building in said district on the 8th day of March, 1988 at 8:30 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

ARTICLE 2: To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 3: To choose one Member of the School Board, for a three year term ending in 1991.

ARTICLE 4: To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 5: To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of other officers or agents of the district.

ARTICLE 6: To hear reports of Agents, Committees, or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees, in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state foundation aid fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Benton this 16 day of February, 1988

Laurie Elliott

Carol Miles

Paula Boutin
School Board of Benton

A True Copy of Warrant--Attest:

Laurie Elliott

Carol Miles

Paula Boutin

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Budget Report 1988-89

		Budgeted <u>1987-88</u>	Requested <u>1988-89</u>	+ or -
<u>1000 INSTRUCTION</u>				
<u> 1100 Regular Education</u>				
<u>561-1 Elementary Tuition</u>				
561-2 Jr. High Tuition	45,980.00	41,075.00		
561-3 Sr. High Tuition	8,415.00	6,900.00		
Total 1100	42,400.00	46,500.00		
				-2,160.00
<u> 1200 Special Education</u>				
<u>310-1 Instruction Services</u>				
561-1 Elementary Tuition	17,157.00	700.00		
Total 1200	15,420.00	21,000.00		
				-10,877.00
<u>2000 SUPPORT SERVICES</u>				
<u> 2300 General Administration</u>				
<u>870-1 Elementary Contingency</u>				
870-2 Jr. High Contingency	196.00	157.50		
870-3 Sr. High Contingency	38.50	35.00		
Total 2300	115.50	157.50		
				350.00
<u> 2311 School Board Services</u>				
<u>110-1 Elementary Salaries</u>				
110-2 Jr. High Salaries	252.00	202.50		
110-3 Sr. High Salaries	49.50	45.00		
Total 2311	148.50	202.50		
				450.00

	Budgeted 1987-88	Requested 1988-89	+ or -
<u>2312 Clerk of the Board Services</u>			
110-1 Elementary Salaries	8.96	7.20	
110-2 Jr. High Salaries	1.76	1.60	
110-3 Sr. High Salaries	5.28	7.20	
Total 2312	16.00	16.00	-0-
<u>2313 Treasurer Services</u>			
110-1 Elementary Salaries	28.00	22.50	
110-2 Jr. High Salaries	5.50	5.00	
110-3 Sr. High Salaries	16.50	22.50	
Total 2313	50.00	50.00	-0-
<u>2317 Audit Services</u>			
110-1 Elementary Salaries	8.96	14.00	
110-2 Jr. High Salaries	1.76	2.00	
110-3 Sr. High Salaries	5.28	14.00	
Total 2317	16.00	30.00	14.00
<u>2321 Office of Superintendent of Schools</u>			
351-1 Elementary SAU Management Services	1,659.61	1,577.25	
351-2 Jr. High SAU Management Services	326.00	350.50	
351-3 Sr. High SAU Management Services	978.00	1,577.25	
Total 2321	2,963.61	3,505.00	541.39

	Budgeted 1987-88	Requested 1988-89	+ or -
<u>2390 Other Support Serv. Gen Adm.</u>			
<u>359-1 Elementary Sp. Ed. Serv.</u>	-0-	4,500.00	
<u>359-2 Jr. High Sp. Ed. Serv.</u>	-0-	1,000.00	
<u>359-3 High School Sp. Ed. Serv.</u>	-0-	4,500.00	
Total 2390	-0-	10,000.00	
<u>2550 Pupil Transportation</u>			
<u>513-1 Elementary Contracted Service</u>	7,840.00	6,300.00	
<u>513-2 Jr. High Contracted Service</u>	1,540.00	1,400.00	
<u>513-3 Sr. High Contracted Service</u>	4,620.00	6,300.00	
Total 513	14,000.00	14,000.00	-0-
<u>870-1 Elementary Contingency</u>	-0-	972.00	
<u>870-2 Jr. High Contingency</u>	-0-	216.00	
<u>870-3 Sr. High Contingency</u>	-0-	972.00	
Total 870		2,160.00	2,160.00
Total 2550	14,000.00	16,160.00	2,160.00
<u>2660 Data Processing Services</u>			
<u>360-1 Elementary Contracted Service</u>	140.00	135.00	
<u>360-2 Jr. High Contracted Service</u>	27.50	30.00	
<u>360-3 Sr. High Contracted Service</u>	82.50	135.00	
Total 2660	250.00	300.00	50.00
Grand Total	147,307.61	147,036.00	-271.61

BENTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES
EXPENDITURES & CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE

For Year Ending June 30, 1987

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>
REVENUE		
Local Taxes	109,116.30	103,395.00
Interest on Investments	122.44	347.22
State Sources		
Foundation Aid	32,942.50	32,799.71
Vocational School Aid		1,455.11
National Forest Reserve	4,500.00	6,502.51
Gas Tax Rebate		82.04
 Total Revenues	\$ 146,681.24	\$ 144,581.59
 EXPENDITURES		
Instruction		
Regular Education	\$ 103,840.00	86,539.23
Special Education	24,636.00	16,251.64
Vocational Education		1,950.00
General Administration		
Psychological Services		125.00
School Board	532.00	382.00
S.A.U. #23	3,123.24	14,549.83
Contingency	350.00	
Data Processing Services	200.00	200.00
Transportation		
Contract Services	14,000.00	14,440.64
 Town Expenditures	\$ 146,681.24	\$ 134,438.34
 Excess Revenues over Expenses		\$ 10,143.25
Fund Balance -- July 1, 1986		\$ 5,864.03
Fund Balance -- June 30, 1987		\$ 16,007.28
	=====	=====

BENTON
ESTIMATED INCOME 1988 - 1989

	<u>1987-88</u>	<u>1988-89</u>
Unreserved Fund Income	16,007.00	
<u>1000 REVENUE FROM LOCAL SOURCES</u>		
1100 Taxes	50,110.00	81,321.00
<u>3000 REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES</u>		
3110 Foundation Aid	76,691.00	61,215.00
<u>4000 REVENUE FROM FEDERAL SOURCES</u>		
4810 Forest Reserve	4,500.00	4,500.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	147,308.00	147,036.00

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1987

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>	
100 Cash	\$ 10,390.14
140 Intergovernmental Receivables	\$ 7,233.76
Total Assets	\$ 17,623.90

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
410 Intergovernmental Payables	\$ 1,616.62
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,616.62
<u>Fund Equity</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
770 Unreserved Fund Balance	\$ 16,007.28
Total Fund Equity	\$ 16,007.28
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 17,623.90

STATEMENT OF REVENUES
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1987

TAXES

<u>Revenue From Local Sources</u>	<u>General</u>
<u>Account No.</u>	
1121 Current Appropriation	\$ 103,395.00
Total Taxes	\$ 103,395.00
1500 Earnings on Investments	347.22
Total Other Revenue from Local Sources	\$ 347.22
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	\$ 103,742.22
 <u>Revenue From State Sources</u>	
<u>Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
3110 Foundation Aid	\$ 32,799.71
Total Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	\$ 32,799.71
 <u>Restricted Grants-in-Aid</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
3221 Tuition	1,105.15
3222 Transportation	349.96
Total Restricted Grants-in-Aid	\$ 1,455.11
 <u>Other</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
3910 Gas Tax Refunds	\$ 82.04
TOTAL REVENUE FROM STATE SOURCES	\$ 34,336.86
 <u>Revenue From Federal Sources</u>	
<u>Account No.</u>	
4800 Revenue In Lieu of Taxes	\$ 6,502.51
Total Revenue from Federal Sources	\$ 6,502.51
 TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 144,581.59

GENERAL FUND ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES
For Year Ended June 30, 1987

	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>Junior High</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<u>Instruction</u>				
Regular Education	42,375.17	9,248.44	34,915.62	86,539.23
Special Education	16,251.64			16,251.64
Vocational Education			1,950.00	1,950.00
<u>Supporting Services</u>				
Psychological		125.00		125.00
<u>General Administration</u>				
School Board	211.76	48.50	121.74	382.00
Office of the Superintendent	1,749.03	343.55	1,030.66	3,123.24
Other General Adm.	6,398.90	1,256.92	3,770.77	11,426.59
<u>Business</u>				
Pupil Transportation	7,784.00	1,708.00	4,948.64	14,440.64
Managerial	112.00	22.00	66.00	200.00
TOTALS	75,007.50	12,627.41	46,803.43	\$134,438.34

ALL FUNDS: SUPPLEMENTARY EXPENDITURE INFORMATION
For the Year Ended June 30, 1987

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>				
Special Education		16,251.64		16,251.64
Tuition to LEA's within N.H.	48,775.17	9,248.44	34,915.62	92,939.23
Tuition to LEA's outside N.H.			1,950.00	1,950.00

STATEMENT OF ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND EQUITY
For the Year Ended June 30, 1987

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>General</u>
Fund Equity, July 1, 1986	\$ 5,864.03
Additions:	
Revenue	144,581.59
TOTAL ADDITIONS	\$ 144,581.59
Deletions:	
Expenditures	134,438.34
TOTAL DELETIONS	\$ 134,438.34
FUND EQUITY, June 30, 1987	\$ 16,007.28

ITEMIZATION OF RECEIVABLES: June 30, 1987

Balance Sheet Account No.	Date Received	Receivable Due From	Revenue Account Credited	Amount
1-140	7/28/87	Haverhill Co-op. S.D.	3221	731.25
1-140		Town of Benton	4810	<u>6,502.51</u>
TOTAL				\$ 7,233.76

ITEMIZATION OF PAYABLES: June 30, 1987

Balance Sheet Account No.	Vendor	Expenditure Account Charged	Amount
1-410	Haverhill Co-op.	1100-561	<u>1,616.62</u>
TOTAL			\$ 1,616.62

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BENTON
FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1986 TO JUNE 30, 1987

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1986	\$ 33.84
Received from Selectmen	
Current Appropriation	\$ 99,198.15
Revenue from State Sources	34,635.02
Received from all Other Sources	<u>2,010.49</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$135,843.66
TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR FISCAL YEAR	135,877.50
LESS SCHOOL BOARD ORDERS PAID	<u>125,487.36</u>
BALANCE ON HAND JUNE 30, 1987	\$ 10,390.14
JULY 14, 1987	Maxine Tyler District Treasurer

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Benton, N.H. of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987 and find them correct in all respects.

July 27, 1987

Dorothy Elliott
Auditor

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board and voters of the Benton School District, I submit my first annual report.

There are many reasons for a town to maintain quality schools. I believe the most important is to offer our students an education that will prepare them for the future. What children learn in school today must prepare them for what they will face tomorrow. The brunt of that responsibility lies with our teaching staff. It takes dedicated teachers with an eye to the future to accomplish this task. It also takes a community, school board and administration committed to excellence in education.

Ours is a rapidly changing society. If we in public education, are to serve you, the citizens and children of this community, we must try to keep up with a changing world. We must change along with society in order that we may continue to play an important role in the world for which we prepare our children. It is the schools of this nation, in close and vital cooperation with our nation's parents and the community at large, that will assume the job of educating todays' children for that world of tomorrow. As your new superintendent I hope that we can work together to prepare our children to face that world armed with the knowledge and the skills they will need.

Our goal is to provide a quality education experience for all our students and I hope that if you have any questions, concerns, problems or suggestions you will not hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully submitted

Douglas B. McDonald
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #23

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT'S AND
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES

Section 5, Chapter 243, Laws of 1953 of the State of New Hampshire requires that school district annual reports show the total amount paid to the superintendent and assistant superintendents.

One-half of the School Administrative Unit expense is prorated among the several school districts of the Unit on the basis of adjusted valuation. One-half is prorated on the basis of average daily membership in the schools for the previous school year ending June 30. The Superintendent of S.A.U. #23 during the 1987-88 school year will receive a salary of \$55,000.00 prorated among the several school districts. The Assistant Superintendents will receive salaries of \$44,086.00 and \$43,000.00 prorated among the several school districts.

The table below shows the proration of salaries to each school district:

	SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY
Bath	\$ 2,464.00
Benton	412.50
Haverhill Cooperative	21,565.50
Lincoln-Woodstock Co-op.	21,681.00
Monroe	4,004.00
Piermont	2,568.50
Warren	<u>2,304.50</u>
	<u>\$55,000.00</u>

	(1) ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY	(2) ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY
Bath	\$ 1,975.05	\$ 1,926.40
Benton	330.65	322.50
Haverhill Cooperative	17,286.12	16,860.30
Lincoln-Woodstock Co-op.	17,378.70	16,950.60
Monroe	3,209.46	3,130.40
Piermont	2,058.82	2,008.10
Warren	<u>1,847.20</u>	<u>1,801.70</u>
	<u>\$44,086.00</u>	<u>\$43,000.00</u>

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN
OF BENTON, NH
FOR YEAR ENDING ON 12/31/87

DATE & NAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	BIRTHPLACE OF BRIDE & GROOM	FATHER MOTHER
01-30-87 MI YONG KIM AND JUSTEN J. ELLIOTT	KOREA AND BENTON	CHANG SU KIM CHONG SOP KIM JOHN ELLIOTT JR. CATHERINE MASON
11-28-87 DAWN K. MORRIE AND FRANCESCO M. PESCE, JR.	NEW YORK NEW YORK	ALFRED MORRIE ALICE FULLER FRANCESCO PRESCE, SR MARION WIST

DEATH REGISTERED IN THE
TOWN OF BENTON, NH
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1987

DATE OF DEATH NAME OF DECEASED	AGE	FATHER MOTHER
01-08-87 MARIE FAGEN	90	PIERRE LABRIE ARTEMISE PROVENCAL
01-11-87 RITA GAGNE	65	DOMINIQUE OUELLETTE MARIE LOUISE ROUSSEAU
02-14-87 WILLIAM R. FRESHNEY JR.	82	ITHA FRESHNEY SUSANA WILLIAMS
06-02-87 EVELYN E. FOSS	65	CHARLES PARENT PRUNELLE MARTEL
06-05-87 PAUL R. DROUIN	51	RAOUL DROUIN YVONNE MORIN
10-09-87 ALICE HARRIS	37	FLORIEN DEFOSSE SR. HAZEL MARSH
10-26-87 ALEXANDER LIFF	69	JONAS LIFF RAISSA ISRAELITIN

U.N.H. February
Rex Newell NH 03824



John Harvard
1615